GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3753
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STRIKE BY AIRPORT STAFF
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Indian Air Force has been deployed to deal with the Strike of airport staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has warned to take action under Essential Services Maintenance Act against staff on strike;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) steps taken in light of orders issued by Union Government to the State Governments to deal with strike at their level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes,Sir.Air Headquartrs was requested to augment the safety services and manpower were deployed by Indian Air Force (IAF) at some Airports to deal with the strike of Airport staff.

(c) & (d) Yes,Sir.The Gazette Notification dated 25.02.2008 was issued by the Lt. Governor of NCT of Delhi declaring all the services under the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Act, 1994 as Essential Services under ESMA, 1974 and instructions were issued to AAI.

(e) Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all the States/Union Territories were advised to issue appropriate instructions to all local authorities including District Magistrates and Police Authorities for making necessary provision of electricity,water,fire brigade,security etc. to the local Airports so that normal operations at the airports are not hindered in any manner.